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AN ACT

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Target Practice and
3 Marksmanship Training Support Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the use of firearms and archery equipment
7 for target practice and marksmanship training ac-
8 tivities on Federal land is allowed, except to the ex-
9 tent specific portions of that land have been closed
10 to those activities;

11 (2) in recent years preceding the date of enact-
12 ment of this Act, portions of Federal land have been
13 closed to target practice and marksmanship training
14 for many reasons;

15 (3) the availability of public target ranges on
16 non-Federal land has been declining for a variety of
17 reasons, including continued population growth and
18 development near former ranges;

19 (4) providing opportunities for target practice
20 and marksmanship training at public target ranges
21 on Federal and non-Federal land can help—

22 (A) to promote enjoyment of shooting, rec-
23 reational, and hunting activities; and

24 (B) to ensure safe and convenient locations
25 for those activities;

1 (5) Federal law in effect on the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act, including the Pittman-Robertson
3 Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.),
4 provides Federal support for construction and ex-
5 pansion of public target ranges by making available
6 to States amounts that may be used for construc-
7 tion, operation, and maintenance of public target
8 ranges; and

9 (6) it is in the public interest to provide in-
10 creased Federal support to facilitate the construction
11 or expansion of public target ranges.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to facili-
13 tate the construction and expansion of public target
14 ranges, including ranges on Federal land managed by the
15 Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF PUBLIC TARGET RANGE.**

17 In this Act, the term “public target range” means
18 a specific location that—

19 (1) is identified by a governmental agency for
20 recreational shooting;

21 (2) is open to the public;

22 (3) may be supervised; and

23 (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or
24 shotgun shooting.

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE**
2 **RESTORATION ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robert-
4 son Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
7 (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(2) the term ‘public target range’ means a
11 specific location that—

12 “(A) is identified by a governmental agen-
13 cy for recreational shooting;

14 “(B) is open to the public;

15 “(C) may be supervised; and

16 “(D) may accommodate archery or rifle,
17 pistol, or shotgun shooting;”.

18 (b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-
19 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-
20 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
21 669g(b)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “(b) Each State” and inserting
23 the following:

24 “(b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-
25 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), each State”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
4 striking “construction, operation,” and inserting
5 “operation”;

6 (3) in the second sentence, by striking “The
7 non-Federal share” and inserting the following:

8 “(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
9 share”;

10 (4) in the third sentence, by striking “The Sec-
11 retary” and inserting the following:

12 “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”; and

13 (5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des-
14 ignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita-
17 tion described in paragraph (1), a State may pay up
18 to 90 percent of the cost of acquiring land for, ex-
19 panding, or constructing a public target range.”.

20 (c) FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND
21 SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 10 of the Pittman-
22 Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1)
23 is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
25 following:

1 “(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—
2 Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal
3 year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo-
4 cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with
5 the amount apportioned to the State under para-
6 graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,
7 expanding, or constructing a public target range.”;

8 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(b) COST SHARING.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-
13 ity carried out using a grant under this section shall
14 not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-
15 ity.

16 “(2) PUBLIC TARGET RANGE CONSTRUCTION OR
17 EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-
18 quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public
19 target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal
20 land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall
21 not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.”;

22 and

23 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

24 (A) by striking “Amounts made” and in-
25 serting the following:

